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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 817
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alicia Dunavant of Giles County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Alicia Dunavant; and

WHEREAS, a young woman of great promise, Ms. Dunavant will be remembered for her enthusiasm for life, her kindness, and her devotion to her family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the beloved daughter of Glenn and Susan Franklin Dunavant, she was a highly-regarded Senior at Giles County High School; and

WHEREAS, during her four years at Giles County High School, Alicia Dunavant was active in numerous extracurricular activities, including serving in Interact, Leo Club, Future Teachers of America, Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pep Club, Spanish Honor Society, TSA, Governor's Study Partner Program, American Legion Program, and STARS; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Dunavant had served as the Secretary for her Freshman Class and was a valuable member of the Giles County High School Student Council; and

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WHEREAS, beginning her distinguished participation in organized sports at a young age, she was a talented and skilled athlete who was respected for her extraordinary athleticism as well as her sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Dunavant was a vital member of the Giles County High School Softball Team her Freshman year of high school and was honored as Player with the Most Team Spirit; and

WHEREAS, a four-year member of the Giles County Soccer Team, Ms. Dunavant helped lead her team to win the District 7A/AA Soccer Championship her Senior year; she was recognized by her Coach and teammates for her team spirit and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, her Soccer Coach, Barry Bass, has stated that she was “a team leader and kept everybody up.”; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Dunavant’s persistence, hard work, and outstanding intellect earned her the Excel Card and Chemistry I Student award as well as numerous scholarships and accolades her Senior year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunavant planned to study education at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro in the Fall of 2002; and

WHEREAS, she will be dearly missed by her father and mother, Glenn and Susan Franklin Dunavant; her brother, Philip Dunavant; her fiancé, Clint Jackson; her grandparents, Earl Dunavant and Ewell and Reba Franklin; and a great many friends; and

WHEREAS, a beloved daughter and sister, an accomplished student, and a kind friend and classmate, Alicia Dunavant was greatly loved by all who were privileged to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dunavant’s friend and classmate, Caroline Curry, remembers her as “very selfless...If you were ready to give up, she was right behind you. She was never too busy to take time out of her life to help you.”; and

WHEREAS, Giles County High School Vice-President, Bob Hastings, has said of her that “she was one of our finest and our best...a pleasure to work with and a pleasure to be around”; and

WHEREAS, Alicia Dunavant has left behind an indelible legacy of love and compassion in her family life, integrity and discipline in her academic pursuits, and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor the memory of Alicia Dunavant, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her wonderful spirit, and her love of her family and friends, as we commemorate the beauty and joy that was her life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our deepest condolences to the family of Alicia Dunavant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.